

## Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt

<b>EFS ID:</b>	2570865
<b>Application Number:</b>	10520718
<b>International Application Number:</b>	
<b>Confirmation Number:</b>	2578
<b>Title of Invention:</b>	Method of joining pipe-shaped articles
<b>First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:</b>	Tsutomu Katayama
<b>Customer Number:</b>	35811
<b>Filer:</b>	Richard L. Cruz/Anissa Tilghman
<b>Filer Authorized By:</b>	Richard L. Cruz
<b>Attorney Docket Number:</b>	SPL-04-1349
<b>Receipt Date:</b>	10-DEC-2007
<b>Filing Date:</b>	07-JAN-2005
<b>Time Stamp:</b>	17:11:48
<b>Application Type:</b>	U.S. National Stage under 35 USC 371

### Payment information:

Submitted with Payment	yes
Payment Type	Deposit Account
Payment was successfully received in RAM	\$ 120
RAM confirmation Number	2474
Deposit Account	502719
Authorized User	

The Director of the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment as follows:

Charge any Additional Fees required under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (Patent application and reexamination processing fees)

File Listing:					
Document Number	Document Description	File Name	File Size(Bytes) /Message Digest	Multi Part /.zip	Pages (if appl.)
1	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter	Transmittal.pdf	251653	no	1
			3fed6e1489aca69b20e03fc9f28f16b673dfd6c6		
Warnings:					
Information:					
2		Response.pdf	3216352	yes	16
			4f4aaa348749816e6ea711396a642aa8516196ed		
	Multipart Description/PDF files in .zip description				
	Document Description		Start	End	
	Amendment - After Non-Final Rejection		1	1	
	Specification		2	5	
	Amendment Copy Claims/Response to Suggested Claims		6	10	
	Abstract		11	11	
	Applicant Arguments/Remarks Made in an Amendment		12	15	
	Abstract		16	16	
Warnings:					
Information:					
3	Fee Worksheet (PTO-06)	fee-info.pdf	8168	no	2
			41adc68b7ea1a29ed2aa1e65f6413bd15bb78c52		
Warnings:					
Information:					
Total Files Size (in bytes):			3476173		

This Acknowledgement Receipt evidences receipt on the noted date by the USPTO of the indicated documents, characterized by the applicant, and including page counts, where applicable. It serves as evidence of receipt similar to a Post Card, as described in MPEP 503.

**New Applications Under 35 U.S.C. 111**

If a new application is being filed and the application includes the necessary components for a filing date (see 37 CFR 1.53(b)-(d) and MPEP 506), a Filing Receipt (37 CFR 1.54) will be issued in due course and the date shown on this Acknowledgement Receipt will establish the filing date of the application.

**National Stage of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. 371**

If a timely submission to enter the national stage of an international application is compliant with the conditions of 35 U.S.C. 371 and other applicable requirements a Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating acceptance of the application as a national stage submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 will be issued in addition to the Filing Receipt, in due course.

**New International Application Filed with the USPTO as a Receiving Office**

If a new international application is being filed and the international application includes the necessary components for an international filing date (see PCT Article 11 and MPEP 1810), a Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date (Form PCT/RO/105) will be issued in due course, subject to prescriptions concerning national security, and the date shown on this Acknowledgement Receipt will establish the international filing date of the application.